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SUBJECT: MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM HONG KONG TO MACAU

REF: HONG KONG 09547

1. GIVEN LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN CATEGORIES I, II, AND  
III ALREADY IN COUNTRIES OF TEMPORARY ASYLUM AND INCREASED  
RATE OF ESCAPES COMPARED WITH MONTHLY LRP QUOTAS FOR BOAT  
REFUGEES, IT MAY BE SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE CAT, IV REFUGEES  
CAN BE INCLUDED WITHIN MONTHLY U.S. ALLOCATIONS.

2. MACAU CENTER IS NOT, HOWEVER, RESTRICTED TO US GUARANTEED  
REFUGEES. REQUEST GENEVA ADVISE UNHCR TO INSTRUCT SAMPAT-  
KUMAR AND CARPENTER EXPEDITIOUSLY TO EXPLOIT OPPORTUNITY TO  
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REDUCE BOTH REFUGEE POPULATION IN HK AND THE VERY EXPENSIVE  
CARE AND MAINTENANCE COSTS PUSHING UP UNHCR'S INDOCHINESE  
REFUGEE PROGRAM BUDGET DEFICIT. TO REDUCE COSTS, WE URGE  
UNHCR TO ARRANGE TO MOVE AS MANY REFUGEES AS POSSIBLE NOW  
FROM HONG KONG TO MACAU, UP TO NUMBER WHICH LATTER CAN AC-  
COMMODATE. PRESUMABLY, THIS WOULD INCLUDE REFUGEES IN CAT.  
IV, INCLUDING THOSE WITH TIES TO THE U.S. WHO ARE LIKELY TO

BE ACCEPTED EVENTUALLY, SUCH AS MARRIED SIBLINGS AND OTHER RELATIVES, AND ALSO OTHER REFUGEES WITHOUT ANY TIES.

3. EARLIER CABLES ON NEGOTIATIONS RESPECTING MACAU CENTER INDICATE THAT NEITHER ITS CAPACITY NOR THE TIME LIMIT FOR INDIVIDUAL REFUGEE'S RESIDENCE THERE IS INFLEXIBLY SET. IN VIEW OF CONGEN HK'S PROJECTIONS OF REFUGEE ARRIVALS, DEPT. BELIEVES UNHCR REPS SHOULD PRESS IMMEDIATELY AND CONTINUOUSLY TO MAXIMIZE UTILITY OF MACAU CENTER BY SHIFTING A MIX OF REFUGEES THERE, BUT PERHAPS NOT ANY IPP APPROVED REFUGEES OR THOSE APPROVED IN STATE 184536, PARA 2B, SINCE THEIR DEPARTURES FOR US COULD BE EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN PRESENT AND EARLY OCTOBER.

4. HKG HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE GUARANTEES ON ALL REFUGEES WHOSE RESETTLEMENT NOT ASSURED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS, SO THERE IS NO NEED TO TIE ACTION TO U.S. CATEGORIES. THEREFORE NOTHING OBSTRUCTS EARLIEST INITIATION OF THIS PROJECT SO IMPORTANT TO ALLEVIATING BUDGET AND OVERCROWDING PROBLEMS. VANCE

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